(b) whether the increased fees are to be paid also by students who, though they joined the College in 1923 or earlier, happen not to pass the yearly examinations?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 1014, P.H., dated 25th June 1923, which has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette.* A copy of the order is also now laid on the table.*

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"Does the Government Order apply to students who fail subsequent to July 1924 or also to those who have already failed?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"It applies only to those who fail subsequent to that year."

Medical Service.

Appointment of Assistant Surgeons to taluk headquarter stations.

107 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to appoint Assistant Surgeons to all taluk headquarter stations, ousting the present sub-assistant surgeons in charge, and what, if so, the additional cost is likely to be?

A.—No such proposal is under consideration.

Permission to local bodies to have their own medical men.

108 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have permitted or propose to permit local bodies to have, if they like, their own medical men in all medical institutions in their charge with the exception of those at the taluk headquarters?

A.—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

The Lawley Hospital.

109 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Resolution of the Coonoor Municipal Council, dated 5th December 1923, was submitted to Government for a substantial annual grant from the Government or to increase the grant to the District Board, Nilgiris, from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 5,000 as before, in order to maintain the Lawley Hospital; and

(b) what order the Government passed on the Resolution of the Coonoor Municipal Council?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.
(b) The Government have not yet passed orders on the Resolution.

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